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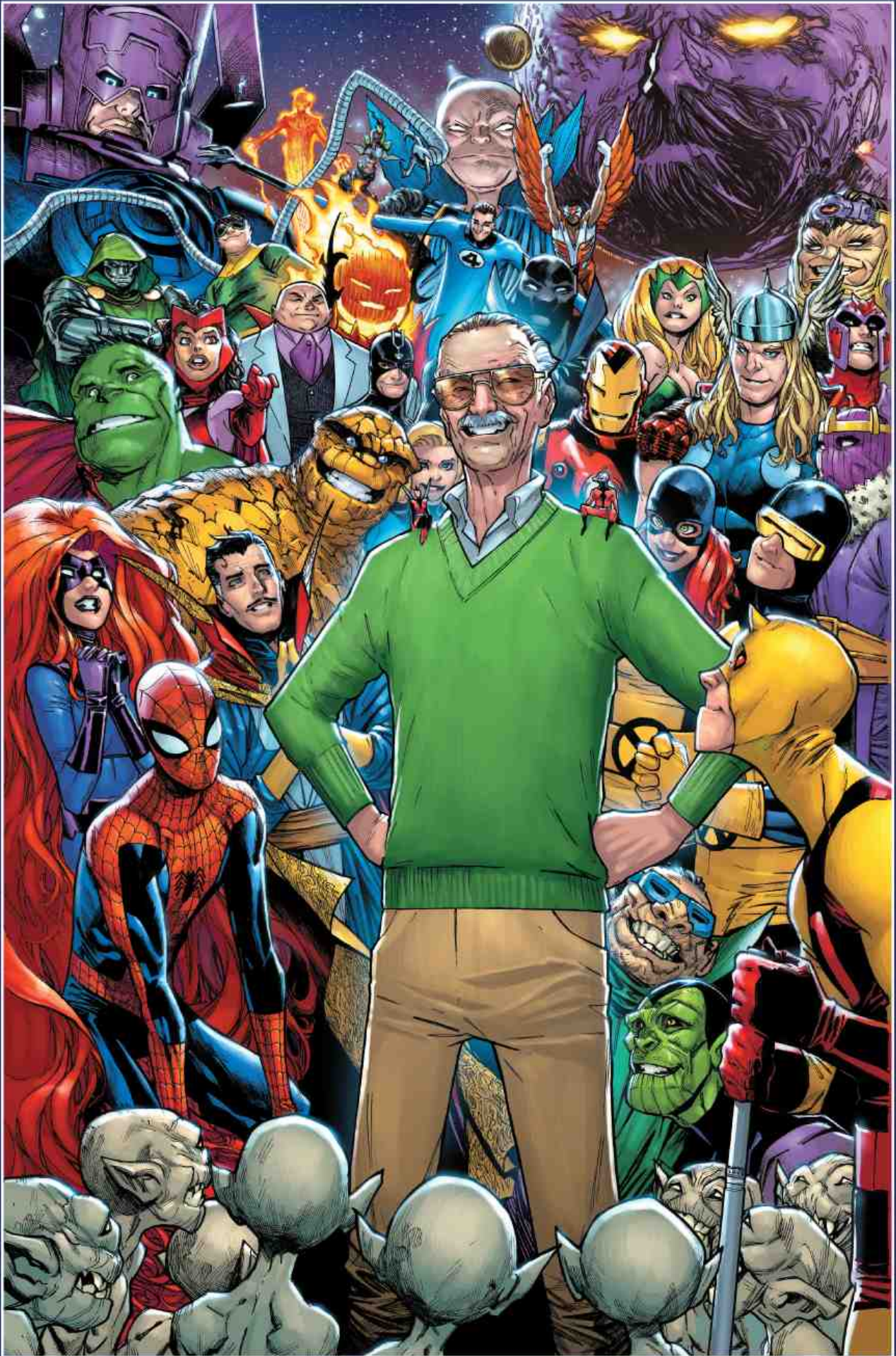
SECRET INVASION

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100 YEARS AND STILL INSPIRING US ALL



WE LOVE YOU, STAN!



"THIS WAS
BEFORE SOME
OF YOUR TIME...



"...BUT BELIEVE
ME, THE SCARS
OF IT ARE STILL
VISIBLE TODAY.

KA-BOOM!

"ESPECIALLY IF
YOU KNOW WHERE
TO LOOK.



"THEY
INFILTRATED
OUR LIVES.

"THEY TURNED
FRIENDS AND
LOVERS INTO
TRAITORS.

"THEY EVEN
REPLACED THE
PRESIDENT.

**KRAK!
BOOM!**

"THEY TOOK
SPIDER-MAN,
THOR, IRON MAN,
CAPTAINS MARVEL
AND AMERICA--
THE LIST GOES ON.



"IT WAS THE
FIRST SKRULL
INVASION OF
EARTH."

"THE THREAT
WAS EXTREME--
EXTINCTION
LEVEL."

"AND I AM NOT
OVERJOYED TO
STAND HERE BEFORE
YOU TODAY..."

"...TO TELL YOU
THAT OUR VICTORY
WAS THANKS TO
LITTLE MORE THAN
CHANCE."

Ex-S.H.I.E.L.D. director and spy Nick Fury came to the C.I.A. to inform his colleague Maria Hill about a recent investigation into reports of shape-shifting alien Skrulls in Iowa. But Maria, using a code phrase from a prior Skrull invasion, determined that the Fury before her was himself an impostor! With that Skrull apprehended, Maria went to warn the Avengers of the threat--but unbeknownst to all, one of their numbers has already been replaced...

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*"All I Need To Do
Is Kill It"*

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OF COURSE,
WE CORRECTED
AFTERWARD. FUNCTIONALLY
UNLIMITED RESOURCES
WENT INTO DETECTING AND
PREVENTING THEIR
NEXT INVASION.



OUR SAVING
GRACE WAS THAT
REED RICHARDS
HAD DEVELOPED A
MIRACULOUS SKRULL
DETECTOR.

IT WAS AN
INVENTION THAT
FORCED THEM
INTO THEIR TRUE
FORMS.



AND IT'S AN
INVENTION, LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN,
THAT NO LONGER
WORKS.



DEVICES LIKE THESE HAVE BEEN BUILT
INTO THE WALLS OF EVERY INTELLIGENCE
BUILDING AROUND THE **PLANET**, AND
NOT **ONE** OF THEM FIRED
YESTERDAY.

COULD THEY HAVE
BEEN DISABLED
BY SKRULL
AGENTS TO--

THEY'RE
WORKING
FINE.

IT'S THE **SKRULLS** WHO
FIGURED OUT HOW TO
AVOID THEM.

THEY'VE
ADAPTED TO US.
COUNTERED
US.



WE'RE BACK
TO **PAGE ONE**
AGAINST AN INVADING
FORCE OF **SHAPE-
SHIFTERS...**

"...BUT I BELIEVE
WE MAY HAVE A WAY
TO TELL **FRIEND**
FROM **FOE**."



HELLO,
SKRULL.



I HAVE
A NAME.

I'M SURE
YOU DO.

I JUST
DON'T NEED
TO **KNOW**
IT.



RIGHT.
INTERROGATION 101.
STRIP ME OF MY
PERSONHOOD.

LIKE
THERE'S ANY TO
STRIP. HOW MANY
IDENTITIES HAVE YOU
TRIED ON AND
DISCARDED?

DO YOU EVEN
REMEMBER
WHO YOU REALLY
ARE?



YOU
KNOW
WHAT?

LET'S
TALK ABOUT
YOU,
MARIA.





LET'S NOT.

OH, BUT THERE'S **SO** MUCH TO DISCUSS.

WE COULDN'T KNOW FOR CERTAIN THAT FURY WOULD COME TO INVESTIGATE THE STUART FAMILY, YOU UNDERSTAND. IT COULD'VE BEEN **ANYONE**.



BUT IT WAS PROBABLY GOING TO BE **YOU**.



WE'RE DONE HERE.

SO WE HAD TO STUDY MARIA HILL, LEARN HER **SECRETS**.

YOU'RE STRONG. COMMANDING. DIRECT.



AND SO, **SO** BROKEN.



YOU SHUT YOUR MOUTH.

THE PEOPLE WHO WORK UNDER YOU--THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT CHICAGO, DO THEY?

YOU WERE SO YOUNG. SO **WEAK**.



SO UNABLE TO PROTECT THE ONE YOU **LOVED**.





SECRET C.I.A.
MEETING FACILITY.

NEW YORK CITY.

THANK
YOU ALL FOR
COMING.

YOU
SAID IT WAS
CRITICAL.

IT IS.
HEROES, THE
C.I.A. HAS A SKRULL
DETECTOR. AND
LUCKY FOR YOU,
WE WANT TO
SHARE.

BUT
FIRST...

...I NEED TO MAKE
CERTAIN YOU ACTUALLY
ARE THE HEROES YOU
CLAIM TO BE.

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MARIA...

IT'S NECESSARY, CAP. SKRULLS HAVE COPIED POWERS BEFORE TOO.

ALL DUE RESPECT, BUT A BULLET'S NOT GOING TO DO MUCH AGAINST--

OH, THEY'RE NOT LOADED WITH BULLETS.



CUSTOM ARMOR-PIERCING ROUNDS FOR YOU, STARK. AND CAP, THE RIGHT ROUND CAN PIERCE EVEN YOUR FLESH.



TRANQUILIZERS FOR YOU, THOR, ENOUGH TO KEEP YOU DOWN FOR AT LEAST A FEW MINUTES.

DR. STRANGE-- YOU GET TAZED.



EVERY HERO HAS A COUNTERMEASURE. AND I ADMIT THAT IN SOME CASES--CAROL, DOREEN--THEY'RE RELYING A BIT MORE ON THE HONOR SYSTEM, BUT WE NEED TO KNOW.

ALL WE NEED IS A BLOOD SAMPLE.



SO! WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST?



THANKS, TONY.

DON'T MENTION IT.



IONIZING RADIATION. THE TEST IS RELIABLE, AND BETTER YET, IT'S **SIMPLE**. LOW-TECH.

WE'RE USING A C.I.A.-BUILT DEVICE TODAY, BUT YOU COULD USE A **MICROWAVE** IF YOU WANTED.



YOU JUST NEED TO KILL THE BLOOD CELLS.

AFTER IT DOES, IF IT'S STILL RED, YOU'RE DEALING WITH A HUMAN.



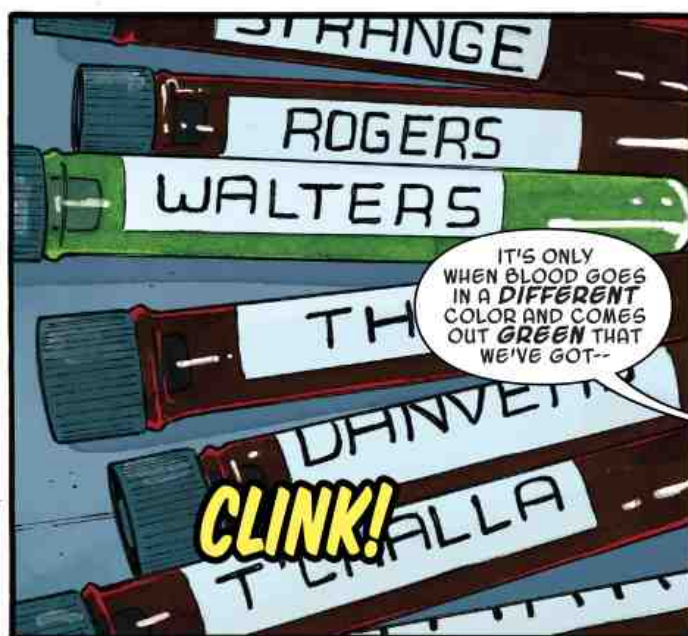
LIKE OUR GOOD FRIEND TONY STARK HERE.

CLINK!



THE ONE AND ONLY YOU CAN'T FAKE **THIS** CHARISMA.

OH, YOU ABSOLUTELY CAN.



IT'S
ROMANOFF!
IT'S--

BANG!

BANG!

SWA!

BANG!

BANG!

BANG!

BANG!











"IT TOOK ME MORE THAN HALF THE DAY BEFORE I COULD REASONABLY GET AWAY."

CLINK!



"IN THAT TIME, WE WERE ABLE TO TEST A LARGE PART OF THE SUPER HERO COMMUNITY."



"CAPTAIN AMERICA AND PHOENIX WERE ALSO ABLE TO TRACK DOWN WHERE OUR BLACK WIDOW-- THE **REAL** BLACK WIDOW-- WAS BEING HELD."



"SHE'D ONLY BEEN TAKEN FOR A DAY. THAT'S GONNA BE A NEW RECORD."



"THIS WON'T GO LIKE IT DID LAST TIME."

"WE'RE HANDLING IT..."





AND THEY
FOUND **EXACTLY**
WHAT THEY WERE
LOOKING FOR.

CONTACT
THE
OTHERS.

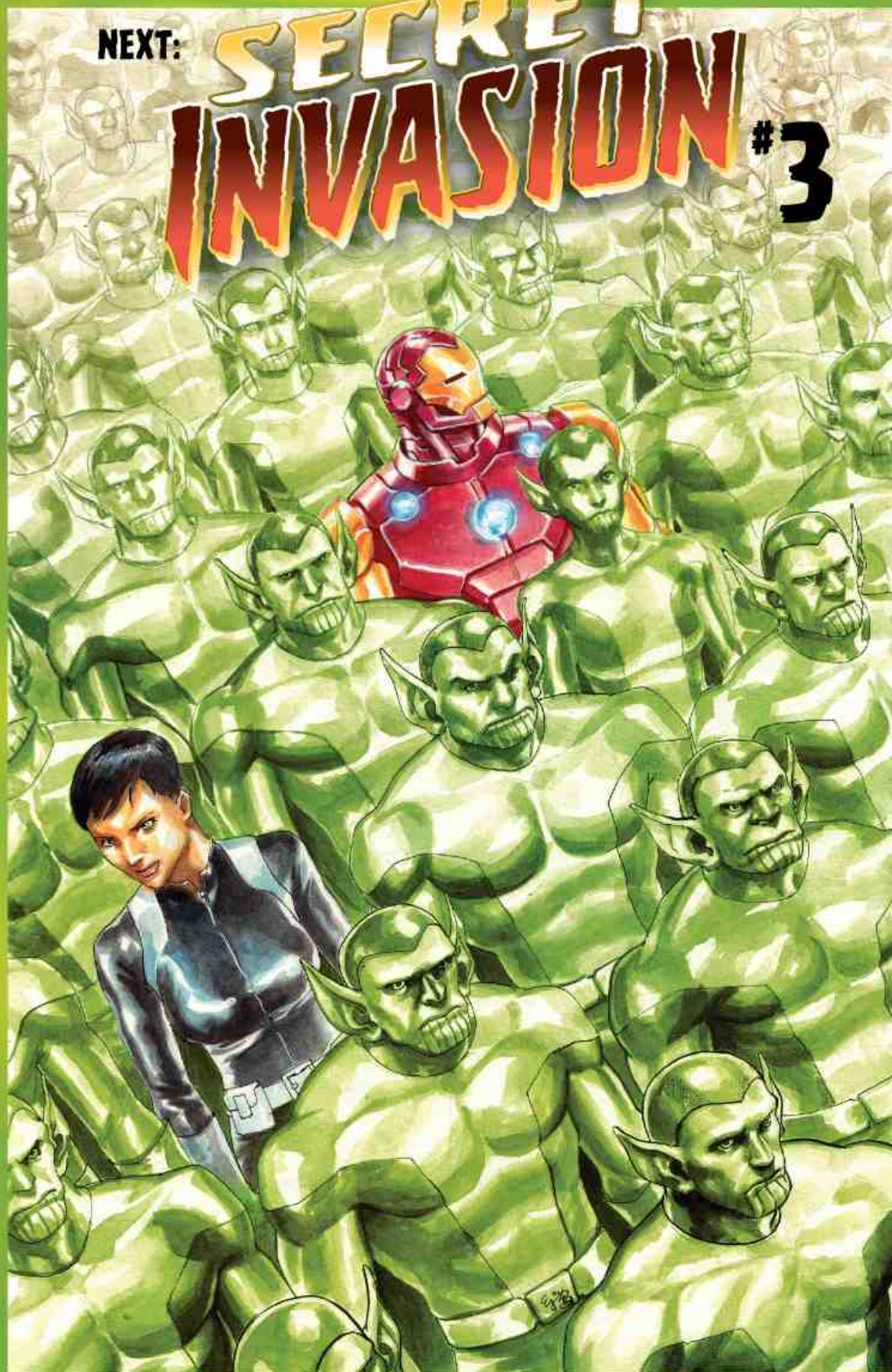
WE HAVE
A **LOT** TO
DISCUSS.

Next:

THE INVASION
IS UNDERWAY!

NEXT:

SECRET INVASION #3



A familiar face from Maria's past is behind the strange Skrull events--but are they alone? As Maria learns that not everything--and everyone--is what it seems, she finds herself facing both betrayal...and a choice. And what she chooses will decide the fate not just of Earth, but of the entire Skrull race!

